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Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer, its subject matter now being recited in claim 1.

Please amend Claim 6 as follows:

6. (Amended) The electronic manual search system of claim [2] 1, wherein the order of searching the parts is a descending order of the reference number of the parts.

Please amend Claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) A method of searching an electronic manual which is composed of a plurality of parts, the method comprising the steps of:

storing, for each part, a reference number expressing [the number of] how many times the part is referred to by a user;

searching contents of the parts based on a search condition[;], wherein the searching step searches contents of each part in order based on the reference number; and

displaying parts which [are resulted] result from the searching step, in order based on the reference number.

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer, its subject matter now being recited in claim 10.

Please amend Claims 13-19 as follows:

13. (Amended) The method of claim [11] 10, wherein the order of searching the parts is a descending order of the reference number of the parts.

14. (Amended) A recording medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying an electronic manual comprising:

a plurality of parts; and

a reference number of each part, the reference number representing [the number of] how many times the corresponding topic is referred to as searched results, wherein contents of each part are searchable in order based on the

reference number.

15. (Amended) The recording medium of claim [13] 14, wherein the reference number is stored for each attribute of a user who refers to the part as searched results.

16. (Amended) [A] The recording medium [readable by a computer] of claim 17, [tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a method of searching an electronic manual which is composed of a plurality of parts, the method comprising the steps of:

storing, for each part, reference number expressing the number of times the part is referred to by a user;

searching contents of the parts based on a search condition; and]

further comprising: displaying parts which are obtained by the searching step as search results, in order based on the reference number.

17. (Amended) A recording medium readable by a computer, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the computer to perform a method of searching an electronic manual which is composed of a plurality of parts, the method comprising the steps of:

storing, for each part, a reference number expressing [the number of] how many times the part is referred to by a user; and

searching contents of the parts for topics satisfying a search condition in order based on the reference number.

18. (Amended) A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave and representing a sequence of instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the actions of:

storing, for each part of an electronic manual, a reference number expressing [the number of] how many times the part is referred to by a user;

searching contents of the parts based on a search condition[;], wherein contents of each part are searched in order based on the reference number; and